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Visits of the Honduran Foreign Minister,
Dr Paz Barnica, and the President.

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From the Private Secretary

21 January 1992

VISIT OF THE PRESIDENT OF HONDURAS

Thank you for your letter of 14 January about the proposed visit of President Callejas.

The Prime Minister regrets that his diary is such that he will not be able to see President Callejas on this occasion.

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Stephen

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Any time for this?

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diary extract for 26 Feb.
I suppose 45 minutes
at 1200 noon (after 2000
group) might be possible
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Friday 21 February

REGIONAL TOUR (EAST MIDLANDS)
OVERNIGHT

Saturday 22 February

NOTTINGHAM FOREST V CHELSEA AT NOTTINGHAM WITH
JIM LESTOR MP

Monday 24 February

0915 Sir Robin Butler +AT
0945 Week Ahead Meeting
1030 Parliamentary Business Managers
1100 Sir Angus Fraser before:
1115-1230 DTI Value for Money Seminar +AT
1300 Lunch for colleagues
1500 Diary meeting
1545 Sitting for Scottish Conservative Central Office
portrait +JC
1630 Sir Basil Feldman +JC

Tuesday 25 February

0800 Breakfast Meeting + SH
0900 Questions Briefing
0930 GEN 1 (Nuclear)
1245 Lunch and Questions Briefing
1515 QUESTIONS
1540 KEEP FREE FOR MPs
1715 Foreign Secretary +JSW
1945 for 2015 Host dinner for Sir Basil Feldman's
Personalities + JC (black tie)

Wednesday 26 February

0900 Party speeches + JC
1045 Prepare for
1100-1200 Japan 2000 British Group
pre-Conference meeting +JSW
1245 Depart for:
?1300 LUNCH WITH NEWSPAPER SOCIETY + JH
?1500-1545 ?Young Conservatives' Management Committee +JC
1600-1800 Manchester Olympic Bid Committee + AT

Thursday 27 February

0900 Questions Briefing
1030 Cabinet
1245 Lunch and Questions Briefing
1515 QUESTIONS
1540 KEEP FREE FOR MPs
1645 DEPART FOR NO.10
1700 Chancellor of the Exchequer + BP
?1800 ?Host reception for Hospice and Palliative Care
Council
?SIR GEOFFREY LEIGH'S DINNER +JC (HAMPSTEAD)

Friday 28 February

CONSTITUENCY DAY AND ADVICE BUREAU
LAUNCH GATEWAY CLUB'S RENTON TRUST

Saturday 29 February

PM CONSTITUENCY ENGAGEMENT

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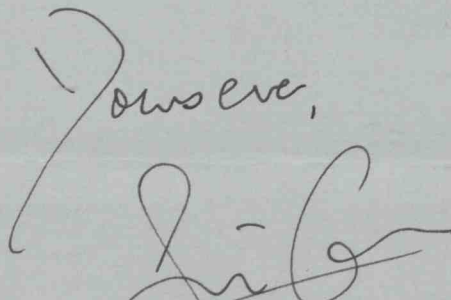
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Dear Stephen,

The Honduran Ambassador called on Tristan Garel-Jones on 7 January with a request from President Callejas to visit the UK and call on the Prime Minister. The President expects to attend the San Jose VIII meeting of EC and Central American Foreign Ministers in Lisbon on 24/25 February and would like to come on to London afterwards.

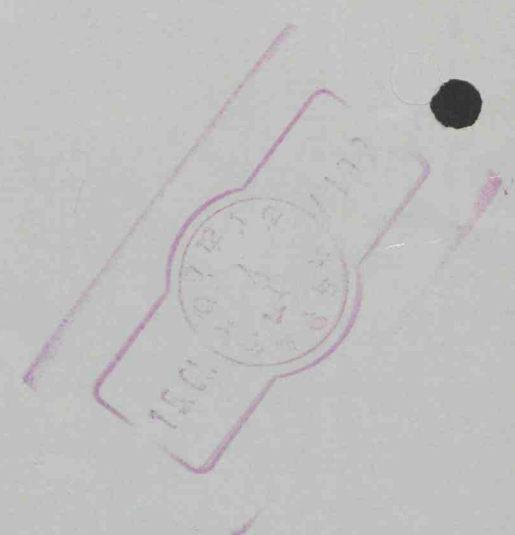
Relations with Honduras are insubstantial but friendly. There are no obvious bilateral questions that the President is likely to wish to raise. A brief meeting with the Prime Minister would clearly be welcome to the Hondurans if it could be fitted in, but we would not make a strong case for it.

The only other FCO-sponsored calls on the Prime Minister's time in late February are by the Swiss Federal Commissioner for Justice and the Police, Mr Koller, and the Bavarian Minister Elect, Mr Steibly, both in the previous week.

Yours ever,

(S L Gass)
Private Secretary

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FOREIGN MINISTER OF HONDURAS

Sir Alfred Sherman called on me this morning and raised among other things the wish of the Foreign Minister of Honduras to make a call on the Prime Minister. Although the Foreign Minister says he has met a number of West European Prime Ministers, he has put forward no particular time for his call on Mrs Thatcher.

Sir Alfred recognises there is little chance of the Prime Minister agreeing to see the Foreign Minister, but wishes only to say, truthfully, that he has brought the request to the notice of the Prime Minister's staff.

No further action.

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Dear John,

Call on the Secretary of State by the Honduran Foreign Minister on
3 October

The Foreign Secretary saw the Honduran Foreign Minister on 3 October at the end of Dr Paz Barnica's month-long tour of European capitals. The burden of the Honduran message was that they would like to see more active European support for democracies in Central America and for a peaceful solution to the current problems. They needed above all economic assistance. You may recall that Dr Paz Barnica originally asked if he could see the Prime Minister, and was told that while her busy schedule made this impossible, the Foreign Secretary would nevertheless report his views to her. I enclose the record accordingly.

Yours ever
John Holmes

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RECORD OF A CALL ON THE SECRETARY OF STATE BY THE
HONDURAN FOREIGN MINISTER ON 3 OCTOBER 1983

The Secretary of State
Mr Giffard
Mr White
Mr Holmes
Mr Penney
Mr Watt

Dr Edgardo Paz Bárnica
Dr Edgardo Dumas Rodriguez
Honduran Ambassador
Dr Ivan Romero Martinez
Honduran Ambassador to UN and
International Organisations at
Geneva

1. The Secretary of State welcomed the Foreign Minister and expressed his regret that the Prime Minister, because of her busy timetable, had been unable to meet him.
2. Dr Paz Barnica said that relations between Honduras and Britain were excellent. His Government was democratic, committed to urgent social and economic reform, and seeking a negotiated and non-military solution to the problems of Central America. The Contadora process incorporated previous Honduran peace proposals. The Document of Objectives agreed by Contadora on 9 September had now been adopted by the five Central American governments and would provide a firm basis for further action. There was danger in the excessive radicalisation and militarisation taking place in Nicaragua. The US had a right to play a part in the region, and US aid was vital to Honduran security and economic progress. But Honduras would also like Europe to play a greater role in providing economic assistance and in supporting negotiations, with particular support for democracies under threat from totalitarianism.
3. The Secretary of State agreed that bilateral relations were excellent. He appreciated Honduran support and understanding for Belize and expressed good

wishes for President Suazo's health. He said that Britain supported the objectives of the Contadora Group, as indeed did the US. The US already giving considerable aid, most of it economic. Some military measures were required, but it was also important not to provoke Nicaragua. How could aid be deployed most effectively? What else could be done?

4. Dr Paz Barnica stressed the importance of European economic assistance which would allow internal economic and social reforms to take place. The Honduran share of the Caribbean Basin Initiative funds was not enough, and there was a large balance of payments problem. He pointed out that 60% of Nicaraguan income came from European aid. Honduras would like strings to be attached to such aid. The Secretary of State said that he appreciated the points about economic aid and its distribution. Britain was giving substantial aid to Honduras, but money for aid was always in short supply.

5. Dr Paz Barnica concluded by referring to the excellent relations between Honduras and Belize, and his own friendship with Mr Price. He sent greetings to the Prime Minister and commented that democracies such as those in Central America could be helped greatly by such international democratic bodies as the International Democratic Union.

6. He left a copy of the Contadora Document of Objectives, a copy of Honduran follow-up proposals, a copy of the Honduran presentation to the Brussels meeting of 19 September on the Economic Development of Central America, and, as a gift from his President, a book of his speeches.

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VISIT OF THE HONDURAN FOREIGN MINISTER

Thank you for your letter of 21 September. The Prime Minister will not be able to receive the Foreign Minister of Honduras during his visit. I agree that you should respond to his request in the terms of paragraph 3 of your letter.

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21 September 1983

Dear Sir,

Visit of Honduran Foreign Minister: 3 October

The Prime Minister will wish to know that Dr Paz Barnica, the Foreign Minister of Honduras, who is on a visit to Western Europe, has asked through his Ambassador whether he could call on the Prime Minister when he visits London on 3 October. Dr Paz Barnica wishes to provide a personal report on the work of the Contadora Group and its meeting with Central American Foreign Ministers earlier this month.

The Honduran Ambassador said that his Minister had already seen the Presidents or Prime Ministers and Foreign Ministers of Spain, France, Italy, Greece and Belgium and had appointments to see in the next two weeks those of Germany, Sweden and Finland.

The Foreign Secretary will be receiving Dr Paz Barnica at 0945 on Monday 3 October. Unless the Prime Minister has a particular wish to see him, our advice is that we should reply that the Prime Minister's programme is unfortunately already full but that she will of course be interested to hear from the Foreign Secretary about the Minister's report.

Dr Paz Barnica will be able to give an interesting first-hand view of the current state of affairs in Central America. But if the Prime Minister receives him other Central American Foreign Ministers will naturally be encouraged to think that they also ought to be able to see her. (Dr Chavez Mena, the Foreign Minister of El Salvador, is also due to visit London later in October.)

Yours ever

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